

Claims

1. A method of creating signalling information relating to one or more available services in a network, the method comprising the steps of:
5 ----- --defining a service indicator for one or more of the services;
formulating the service indicator into a unique indicator having a predetermined format;
mapping the unique indicator into one time-slot of a signalling channel.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the service indicator defining step includes one or more of the following:
using at least one service identifier relating to the one or more services;
using one or more identification data items for each of the selected services;
using one or more data items identifying at least one user terminal having
15 access to the broadcast network; and/or
using one or more data items relating to transmission parameters of said network.
- 20 3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the formulating step comprises:
selecting a hash value calculation scheme; and
calculating a hash value for the service indicator.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the mapping step comprises:
selecting a hash value calculation scheme; and
calculating a hash value for the unique indicator.
5. The method of any preceding claim, further comprising:
creating a notification relating to said selected service, and transmitting the notification during the time-slot.
- 30 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the notification comprises identification of one or more channels of the broadcast network transmitting the selected service.

7. The method of claim 2, wherein the data item identifying said at least one user terminal is an International Mobile Subscriber Identity.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein the data item relating to the transmission
5 parameters of the network is an identification for a network cell.

9. The method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the network is a broadcasting network.

10 10. A communications device comprising:
first receiving means for receiving broadcast transmissions comprising one or more services;

second receiving means for receiving signalling information on a signalling channel;

15 means for controlling the first receiving means, wherein the first receiving means is enabled for receiving one or more services in the broadcast transmission upon received signalling information relating to said one or more services by the second receiving means.

20 11. The communications device according to claim 10, wherein the second receiving means for receiving signalling information is enabled to receive signalling information in a signalling channel during a specified time-slot.

12. The communications device according to claim 10, wherein the second
25 receiving means for receiving signalling information is enabled periodically to receive signalling information in a signalling channel during a time-slot.

13. The communications device according to any of claims 10 to 12, further comprising means for generating an indication of the occurrence of the said time-
30 slot.